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SUBJ: GREEK COMPLAINT OF NEW TURKISH VIOLATION OF OFFSHORE
ISLAND'S TERRITORIAL WATERS

REF: A) ANKARA 3965 (DTG 231428Z MAY 77), B) ATHENS 4830
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1. MOST TURKISH NEWSPAPERS MAY 24 CARRY STORY SOURCED TO
UNNAMED MFA OFFICIALS DENYING REPORTS THAT GOG HAD PRESNETED
NOTES PROTESTING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF GREEK TERRITORIAL
WATERS BY TURKISH PATROL BOATSF ACCORDING TO THE STORY
IN MILLIYET, TURKEY HAD RECEIVED NEITHER ANY INFORMATION
NOR ANY NOTE OF PROTEST CONCERNING THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS.
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2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MAY 24, INAL BATU, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF MFA OFFICE OF GREEK-CYPRUS AFFAIRS, CONFIRMED THAT
ON MAY 23 COUNSELOR OF THE GREEK EMBASSY HAD MADE AN ORAL
PROTEST OF THREE ALLEGED INCIDENTS WHICH HAD HAPPENED DURING
THE PAST SIX WEEKS. BATU SAID SUCH INCIDENTS ARE "ROUTINE AND
UNFORTUNATE VIOLATIONS WHICH OCCUR FREQUENTLY". MOREOVER,

HE POINTED OUT, THE TURKISH VERSION OF WHAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS DIFFERS GREATLY FROM THE GREEK VERSION. FIRST INCIDENT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED APRIL 11-12 AND INVOLVED TURKISH PATROL BOAT WHICH ACCORDING TO GOT SEIZED A GREEK FISHING VESSEL INSIDE TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. ACCORDING TO GOG, THERE WAS A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK PATROL BOATS, BUT NEITHER OPENED FIRE. ACCORDING TO GOG, A SECON INCIDENT OCCURRED IN MID-MAY WHEN A TURKISH PATROL BOAT APPROACHED WITHIN 200 YARDS OF SAMOS AND GREEK FORCES OPENED FIRE AND DROVE IT AWAY. BATU SAID TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) HAD INFORMED MFA THAT IT HAD "ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH AN INCIDENT". BATU SAID THE THIRD INCIDENT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE OCCURRED MAY 18 NEAR THE ISLAND OF LESBOS (REF A). HE SAID MFA WAS SEEKING INFORMATION FROM TGS BUT HAD SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY WHETHER THIS INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED.

3. WHILE ADMITTING THAT THERE WAS SOME BASIS FOR THE PRESS REPORTS OF THESE INCIDENTS, BATU SAID GOT WAS PUZZLED AS TO MOTIVES OF GOG AND GREEK PRESS IN ATTEMPTING TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE INCIDENTS DURING THIS PRE-ELECTION PERIOD. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD GREEK EMBASSY COUNSELOR MAY 23 THAT GOT HAD NO INTENTION OF AGGRAVATING AN ALREADY TENSE SITUATION IN THE AEGEAN AND THAT WHATEVER INCIDENTS MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED CERTAINLY HAD NO RELATION TO THE JUNE 5 GENERAL ELECTIONS. ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE ROUTINE CHARACTER OF SUCH INCIDENTS BATU SAID WAS THE FACT THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH GREEK EMBASSY COUNSELOR HE HIMSELF HAD PRESENTED AN ORAL PROTEST BASED ON A TGS COMPLAINT OF GREEK AIRCRAFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIOLATION OF TURKISH AIRSPACE ON THE AEGEAN COAST.
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